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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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in re Application of:

**Bernd Georg-Pietras** 

Serial No.: 10/621,971

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD

FOR FACILITATING THE CONNECTION OF TUBULARS

**USING A TOP DRIVE** 

Group Art Unit: 3672

**Examiner: Frank Tsay** 

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## **RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 27, 2005**

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 27, 2005, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0039.C1/WBP for any fees, including excess claims fees and extension of time fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on 06/16/2005 SCARNETY 09040003 200782 10621971

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200,00 Jp. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.